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CONNECTION SYSTEM)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) month(s) accompanies the present Preliminary Amendment.

In response to the Office Action bearing a mailing date of March 19, 2003, hereinafter "the Office Action", Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from the mailing date of the Office Action. In view of the Petition for Extension of Time, the present response is due on or before August 19, 2003.